

Launch

To launch our topic, we will have an immersive trip to the living rainforest which will introduce us to sustainability, adaptation and various life cycles.



What is happening to our rainforests?



Key dates

6th and 8th November -
Parent Consultations



Topic Overview

During this topic, we will be exploring the continent of South America with a focus on its largest country - Brazil. Our learning will involve identifying a range of human and physical features as well as considering how these have changed and affected the country. As geographers, we will deepen our knowledge of climates using a range of graphs to explain why South America is so variable. Using different economic and trade sources, we will explore how the country has urbanised over the last two decades and how this has shaped the city, Rio de Janeiro. Alongside the bustling cities of Brazil, we will take a closer look at the indigenous people of the Amazon rainforest and how their lives are being affected by numerous environmental factors. Whilst exploring the rainforest, we will discover varying lifecycles and consider how species have adapted to survive in this location. As artists, we will be focusing on landscapes by looking at art work from the great Henri Rousseau. Using him as inspiration, we will develop our watercolour skills to create vivid and interesting landscapes of the rainforest.

Key Vocabulary

Rainforest
Deforestation
Eco-system
Canopy
Hemisphere
Equator
Biome
Indigenous

Learning Conversations

How does the rainforest help us?

Why does the Amazon rainforest have such a wide variety of different plant and animal species?

How are we able to help the rainforest from where we live?

Can we make a difference to the world? How?

Driver: Aspiration

We will discover that, although we can be a small part of the world, we are able to make a difference on global issues. We will be inspired by the works of well-known environmental activists, such as Greta Thunberg and Sir David Attenborough, taking a closer look at the impact they have had on protecting our world.



Driver: Enquiry

We will explore how and why the rainforest is being destroyed and investigate new and varied ways to help it.



Topic Challenge

Create a shoe box habitat or terrarium for a rainforest animal or plant. It should show how the animal or plant is suited to that environment, which could include considering sources of food, water and light.

Due: Wednesday 13th December

Did you know?

The Andes are the longest mountain range in the world.
Chile's Atacama Desert is the world's driest non-polar desert.

The Amazon rainforest has the greatest biodiversity in the world.

Five of the largest cities in the world are located in South America.

Landing

We will use our learning to write a formal letter to the Brazilian government regarding deforestation and the impact it has on our planet - we are hoping to display these at The Living Rainforest!

